

# COVID-19

Monday,  
April 27, 2020

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County leaders will provide an update on the COVID-19 response, including the SnoCo Agencies for Engagement (SAFE) team's work. Link to view the press conference when it is posted is at right.

## **INSLEE ANNOUNCES EASING OF OUTDOOR RESTRICTIONS**

In a press conference earlier today, Gov. Jay Inslee announced a partial re-opening of some outdoor recreation activities as of May 5th.

## **SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT UPDATES ON PLANNING, TESTING, AND DATA**

Read information from the Snohomish Health District of the efforts to address PPE needs, investigation and contact tracing activities, and the increase in testing. Link to the full press release from Friday, April 24 is at right.

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING**

### **Snohomish County to Provide Update on COVID-19 Response**

County Executive Dave Somers, Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Dr. Eric Cooper, Medical Program Director for Snohomish County Emergency Medical Services and one of the Medical Directors for the Snohomish County Isolation and Quarantine Facility, will hold a virtual press conference tomorrow morning to address the county's response to COVID-19 including the SnoCo Agencies for Engagement (SAFE) team's work to reach out to people experiencing homelessness..

The video will be posted at noon the same day and available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

### **Inslee Announces Easing of Outdoor Restrictions**

Gov. Jay Inslee announced today a partial re-opening of some outdoor recreation activities as of May 5th.

"When I rolled out, 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' over a month ago, difficult decisions were made to close state parks and public lands, golf facilities and delaying hunting and fishing seasons. This was necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, reduce travel and ultimately, save lives," Inslee said. "Outdoor recreation is one of the best things we can do promote physical, mental and emotional well-being for Washingtonians during a time of great stress and isolation. And springtime in our state is Washington at its best and people want to be out enjoying outdoor activities in a safe and responsible way."

As of Tuesday, May 5th, some outdoor recreation will be allowed with appropriate safety precautions including: fishing; hunting; playing golf; day use at state parks, state public lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources and at state Fish and Wildlife areas.

The governor stressed that all of these activities must be done with appropriate social distancing and the safety and security of participants and the people who work in outdoor recreation.

"If we see a sharp (increase) in the number of people who are getting sick or are not following appropriate steps, then we won't hesitate to scale this back again," Inslee said. "This is not a return to normal. This is only a beginning phase of relaxing outdoor recreation restrictions."

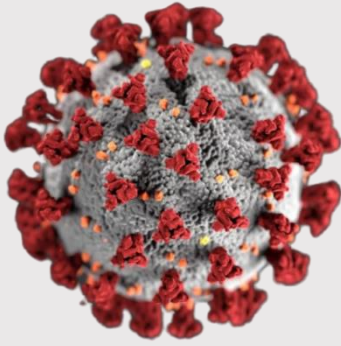
Public gatherings, events, team sports, and camping, among other things, are not resuming at this time.

Notably, the actions the state is taking in no way prevent the closure actions of local governments or national agencies, who may choose to continue their park, land and trail closures based on local public health needs.

Read the full story on the [governor's Medium page](#) or visit [TVW](#) to view the recording.

### **Snohomish Health District Updates on Planning, Testing and Data**

The Snohomish Health District is continuing to focus on what a safe, healthy path to establishing a new normal looks like. Opening businesses back up and reinvigorating the local economy is on the horizon, but it will happen in a gradual, phased approach.



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## **POP-UP BLOOD DRIVE IN MILL CREEK APRIL 29-MAY 8**

Blood donations are by appointment only. Details on how to sign up are at right.

## **MARYSVILLE MOVES TOWARD ACCEPTING, ADMINISTERING CARES ACT FUNDS**

The City of Marysville has opened public review and comment on a proposed amendment to the action plan for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The amendment would enable the city to receive and administer \$226,637 in CDBG funds made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

The "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" orders have helped stabilize the system here in Snohomish County. In fact, they are likely the chief responsible reason that we have flattened the curve. However, while the curve has flattened, it has not been eliminated. It could quickly go back in the wrong direction if we move too quickly or without adequate plans in place to detect and control further transmission.

The ultimate end to the COVID-19 saga is population-wide immunity, ideally through a vaccine. While there are a number of people working on this all around the world, it takes time to produce a safe, effective, and FDA-approved vaccine. This is at least 12-18 months away, possibly longer.

In the meantime, there are several key pieces that are needed in order to start down that path of reopening. They include adequate capacity for the healthcare system, personal protective equipment (PPE) for those who need it, increased testing capacity, and the resources to do investigations and contact tracing.

Read the [full news release](#) from the Snohomish Health District for the details of the efforts to address PPE needs, investigation and contact tracing activities, and the increase in testing.

The health and safety of Snohomish County remains the Health District's top priority. The community is encouraged to help prevent the spread of illness and to support the response to this outbreak by staying informed and sharing reliable information. This is a very fluid situation and information will be updated at [www.snohd.org/ncov2019](http://www.snohd.org/ncov2019) and the Health District's social media channels.

## **Pop-Up Blood Drive in Mill Creek April 29 – May 8**

Growing concerns about COVID-19 is leading to an increased number of canceled blood drives, which is impacting the amount of blood available for those in need. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH), alongside partners at Bloodworks Northwest, is encouraging eligible donors to continue to give blood.

Bloodworks Northwest partnered with the North Creek Presbyterian Church, which is located next to Central Market Mill Creek, to host a blood drive from April 29 – May 8. The blood drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall of North Creek Presbyterian Church, 621 164th St. SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012. Donations are by appointment only. Please sign up or check for other blood drives via [Bloodworks Northwest](#).

## **Marysville Moves Toward Accepting, Administering CARES Act Funds**

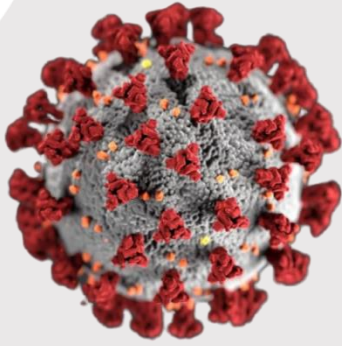
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A related amendment would include waivers allowed by HUD to expedite that funding. Find more information at <https://www.marysvillewa.gov/434/Community-Development-Block-Grants>.

Deadline for written public comment is 4 p.m. Friday, May 1. Comments will be reviewed by the Marysville Citizen Advisory Committee for Housing and Community Development, which will forward its recommendation on to Marysville City Council.

## **Inslee Announces Colorado and Nevada will join Washington, Oregon and California in Western States Pact**





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## **INSLEE ANNOUNCES COLORADO AND NEVADA WILL JOIN WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA WESTERN STATES PACT**

Gov. Jay Inslee announced today that Colorado Governor Jared Polis and Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak are joining Washington, Oregon and California in the Western States Pact. Link to the press release is at right.

## **WASHINGTON STATE AND ESRI PARTNER TO HELP ESSENTIAL WORKERS LOCATE CHILDCARE FACILITIES**

Esri's map-based dashboard shows which facilities are open for childcare in Washington State. Essential workers can use the interactive dashboard to select a school district and quickly see available facilities via Washington's Geospatial Open Data Portal.

## **EMERGENCY LANGUAGE AND OUTREACH FUNDING AVAILABLE: APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 3**

Washington State Department of Health has limited funding available to ensure that communities who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 have access to the same critical health and safety information as the rest of the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic. More information and link at right.

Gov. Jay Inslee announced today that Colorado Governor Jared Polis and Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak are joining Washington, Oregon and California in the Western States Pact -- a working group of Western state governors with a shared vision for modifying stay at home orders and fighting COVID-19.

Earlier this month, Inslee, along with California Governor Gavin Newsom and Oregon Governor Kate Brown, [announced they would be working together](#) under a shared vision for gradually modifying their state's stay at home orders and fighting COVID-19.

As part of the Western States Pact, the governors commit to working together toward the following four goals:

- Protecting vulnerable populations at risk for severe disease if infected. This includes a concerted effort to prevent and fight outbreaks in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- Ensuring an ability to care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This will require adequate hospital surge capacity and supplies of personal protective equipment.
- Mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities.
- Protecting the general public by ensuring any successful lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating. The states will work together to share best practices.

Read the full news release [here](#).

## **Washington State and Esri Partner to Help Essential Workers Locate Childcare Facilities**

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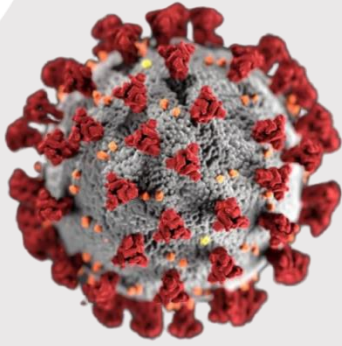
[Esri](#) is dedicated to supporting the efforts of many organizations through software, technical support, and resources. Additional examples include the following:

- The [Esri COVID-19 site](#) connects organizations with insights, information, and updates.
- The [COVID-19 GIS Hub](#) provides a definitive resource for data, solutions, FAQs, and best practices to help organizations get started.
- The [Esri Disaster Response Program \(DRP\)](#) assists organizations with GIS software needs, technical support, services, and data. For immediate assistance, submit a Request for Assistance form. Requests are monitored 24/7.

Don't forget to check out Snohomish County's [Coronavirus Response and Community Resource Hub](#).

## **Emergency Language and Outreach Funding Available: Applications Due No Later Than Sunday, May 3 by 11:59 P.M.**

As part of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) statewide response, the [Washington State Department of Health](#) (DOH) has limited funding available to assist with the effects of the disease and overall response. This funding will be used for Emergency Language and Outreach Services to ensure that communities who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 have access to the same critical health and safety information as the rest of the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recipients can be non-profit organizations or small and diverse businesses located in Washington state. Contracts are up to \$30,000 each and DOH anticipates



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## SIX NEW COVID-19 SYMPTOMS ADDED BY THE CDC

The CDC added six new COVID-19 symptoms to watch out for. The symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. See the list of symptoms to watch out for at right.

## NEW IRS GUIDANCE FOR SSI RECIPIENTS

SSI recipients who did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and who have qualifying dependents must submit additional information using the IRS's Non-Filer tool by Tuesday, May 5 to receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payments as soon as possible.

## FEMA MAKES ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION AVAILABLE TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

Fire service organizations with membership on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic will soon be able to apply for a share of \$100 million in funding to purchase PPE and supplies. Details and links at right.

awarding at least 17 awards. More information, updates, frequently asked questions, and award announcements are at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/CommunityContracts>.

## Six New COVID-19 Symptoms Added by the CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

The CDC added six new symptoms to watch out for. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Feeling sick? Answer a few questions about your symptoms using Clara, [CDC's Coronavirus Self-Checker](#), to help you decide if you should call your doctor.

## New IRS Guidance for SSI Recipients

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued [updated guidance](#) today for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients with qualifying dependents eligible for COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments.

SSI recipients who did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and who have qualifying dependents must submit additional information using the [IRS's Non-Filer tool](#) by **Tuesday, May 5, 2020** to receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payments as soon as possible. Eligible SSI recipients will start receiving their automatic payments directly from the Treasury Department in early May.

## FEMA Makes Additional \$100 Million Available to Fire Departments for COVID-19 Response

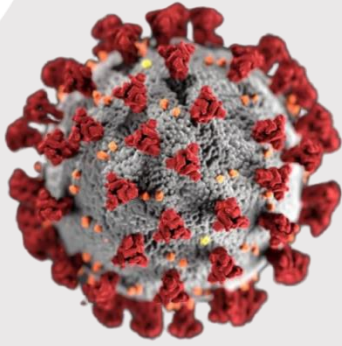
Fire service organizations nationwide with membership on the front lines in the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will soon be able to apply for a share of \$100 million in funding to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies. The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

FEMA will begin accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S) on Tuesday, April 28. The deadline for applications is May 15. AFG-S provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations and state fire training academies.

Those who would like to start planning their application before the application period can access the Notice of Funding Opportunity and technical assistance tools on the [FEMA website](#). If you have questions about the technical assistance tools, e-mail the AFG Grants Help Desk or call at (866) 274-0960. The [AFG Help Desk](#) is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT, Monday – Friday.

The online AFG-S Grant Program application is available through the AFGP [FEMA Grants Outcomes \(GO\) application portal](#).





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## FACE COVERINGS DO'S AND DON'TS FROM CDC

The CDC has issued guidance on how to wear a cloth face covering correctly. Details and links at right.

## REMINDER: PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AGAIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The SBA resumed accepting Paycheck Protection Program applications from participating lenders today. Links at right.

All users must have their own FEMA GO account. Users can view a [FEMA GO Account Creation User Guide](#) if they do not have an account.

For more information please read FEMA's [news release](#).

For more information please read the Social Security Administration's [news release](#) and the IRS' [news release](#).

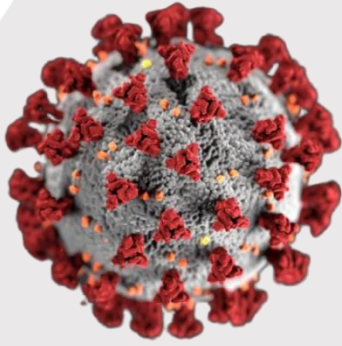
## Face Covering Do's and Don'ts

Wearing a cloth face covering CORRECTLY can help prevent the spread of [#COVID19](#) to others. When you go out on essential trips, follow these "do's". If you have a child, remember those under age 2 should not wear a face covering. See <https://bit.ly/2R9av5m>.



## Reminder: Paycheck Protection Program Again Accepting Applications

The SBA resumed accepting Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) applications from participating lenders today. Applications are available at: <https://www.sba.gov/>. Click the image below for more information on all of the funding options that have been made available through the SBA.



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## CORONAVIRUS FUNDING OPTIONS FROM THE SBA

Click the image at right for more information on the temporary programs to address the COVID-29 outbreak from the Small Business Administration (SBA).

## CORONAVIRUS FUNDING OPTIONS

The SBA added these new temporary programs to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

### Paycheck Protection Program



This loan program provides loan forgiveness for retaining employees by temporarily expanding the traditional SBA 7(a) loan program.

### EIDL Loan Advance



This loan advance will provide up to \$10,000 of economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties.

### SBA Express Bridge Loans



Enables small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly.

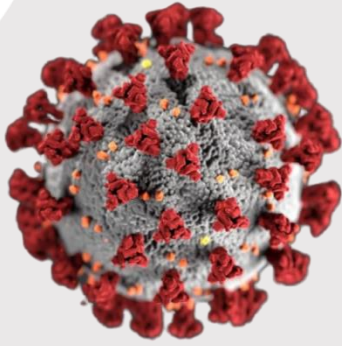
### SBA Debt Relief



The SBA is providing a financial reprieve to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Learn More](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options)

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## CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

Starting April 25, the Health District will no longer be updating case counts on the website on Saturdays and Sundays.

## ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

## Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 27, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,356
Probable	203
Deceased	107

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	97
Bothell*	163
Brier	18
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	257
Everett	730
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	21
Index	0
Lake Stevens	101
Lynnwood	487
Marysville	191
Mill Creek	42
Monroe	63
Mountlake Terrace	85
Mukilteo	52
Snohomish	122
Stanwood	83
Sultan	6
Tulalip	9
Unknown/Other	8
Woodinville*	12
Woodway	7

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

\*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.